

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Addendum

MIHP Number: CARR-1661
Property Name:
Property Address: 239 Pleasant Valley Road
Westminster, Maryland

The farm complex located at 239 Pleasant Valley Road has been demolished according to the *Phase I Cultural Resources Survey Report* prepared for the Carroll County Regional Airport by Coastal Caroline Research.

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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Demolished

Property Name: House, Pleasant Valley Road Inventory Number: CARR-1661
Address: 239 Pleasant Valley Road City: Westminster Zip Code: _____
County: Carroll USGS Topographic Map: New Windsor
Owner: County Commissioners of Carroll County Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 101 Tax Map Number: 30 Tax Account ID Number: 007019
Project: Carroll County Airport Agency: FAA
Site visit by MHT staff: X no _____ yes _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district _____ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district _____ yes Eligible district _____ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource _____ yes _____ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes _____ no

Criteria: _____ A _____ B ✓ C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G ✓ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

This ca. 1850-1870 two-story, three-bay, frame house has asbestos siding; a standing-seam metal, gable roof; and a split-level, stone foundation. Additionally it has 6/6 windows; two interior-end, brick chimneys with corbelled caps; an eight-light transom and single sidelights around a double leaf door; overhanging eaves with scroll brackets; and a one-bay, pedimented portico with paired chamfered posts. There is a gable-roofed basement entry on the front. There are two bays of windows on each end and two four-light attic windows in the gable end. There is also a rear, two-story ell with enclosed two-story side porches. The one-story shed roofed addition on the North end is modern.

On the interior is a center stair with a heavily turned newel. The Late Greek Revival-style mantels have ogee arches. The ceilings have been dropped and the walls covered in panelling.

Alterations to the house include a side wing on the north side, enclosed porches, and new siding.

The two-bay, one-story, frame summer kitchen has a standing-seam metal, gable roof; vertical wood siding; an interior-end brick chimney; 6/6 windows; and a stone foundation.

The board-and-batten frame meathouse has a corrugated pyramidal roof, a stone pier foundation, and a batten door.

The bank barn has a standing seam metal, gable roof; vertical wood siding; a stone foundation; and paired arched louvers with decorative trim.

The 1940s cinder block dairy has four-light metal windows and a standing-seam metal gable roof.

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: _____ A _____ B ✓ C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

MHT Comments

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, NR Program

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There are two concrete silos that also date the 1940s.

The ca. 1920 frame garage has a standing seam metal, gable roof and german-lap siding.

Chicken coop #1 has a corrugated, shed roof; vertical wood siding; and paired 6/6 windows; ca. 1920.

Chicken coop #2 is three bays wide with a standing-seam metal, shed roof; vertical wood siding; and a formed concrete foundation; ca. 1920.

Corn crib #1 has a standing-seam metal, gable roof; a formed concrete foundation, and a side lean-to; ca. 1920.

Corn crib #2 has a standing seam metal, gable-end roof and a center aisle plan; ca. 1920.

The one-and-a-half-story, frame shed has vertical wood siding and a standing seam metal, gable roof; ca. 1920.

The CARR-1661 property, which is recommended as potentially eligible for the NRHP, provides an example of a Carroll County farm complex from the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The house, summer kitchen, meathouse, and bank barn appear to date to that era. The house is an example of a Late Greek Revival I-house with Victorian to Classical trim. The other outbuildings, including the two chicken coops, two corn cribs, shed, and garage, date to the early decades of the twentieth century. The cinder block dairy-related additions to the barn along with the two concrete silos date to the 1940s.

Lake Griffing and Stevenson's 1877 Illustrated Atlas of Carroll County, Maryland shows that CARR-1661 was once the residence of A. B. Fuhrman. Fuhrman was one of numerous farmers who worked the rich land along Carroll County's rivers and streams (Historical Society of Carroll County 1987).

Since the creation of Carroll County in 1837, and even before, the rich land of the area made agriculture the primary source of income for residents. Carroll County farmers have cooperated throughout their history, in the beginning at barn raisings and threshings, and later in the formation of organizations such as the Grange and Farm Bureau (Historical Society of Carroll County 1987).

The county's farmers have always been receptive to new farm technology. They have even been inventors and producers of that technology. As early as 1811, Jacob Thomas developed and tried the first reaping machine near Union Bridge. During the second half of the nineteenth century, the county's farmers were using steam powered farm machinery. The Taylor Steam Engine Company in Westminster produced some of this machinery (Historical Society of Carroll County 1987).

Soon after the construction of CARR-1661, the "Golden Age" of agriculture began. This period lasted from approximately 1896 to 1914. During this time, the price paid for farm goods was actually greater than that paid for industrial goods. The result was that farmers could now purchase some of the luxury items that heretofore were not within their financial reach. These items included telephones, plumbing, and automobiles (Carol 1928).

There were several reasons for prosperity among farmers during this time. The amount of land being converted to farmland slowed during this period. Farmers also were able to sell their goods to the steadily increasing urban population as well as export their produce. Supply and demand had finally reached a balance in agriculture (Carol 1982).

Farm production continued to remain high in Carroll County throughout World War I. After the war, however, the prosperity of the farmers ended years before the Great Depression began to take its toll on other sectors of the economy. Farmers again enjoyed prosperity during the Second World War. Fortunately, the downturn that followed World War I, and that many farmers feared would follow World War II, did not take place (Carol 1982).

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

MHT Comments

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Today, agriculture still plays a large role in the economy of Carroll County. Not only does farming itself provide income for the county, but the industries needed to support farmers generates revenue as well. These industries include equipment suppliers and marketers for the farm products. This strong agricultural heritage is reflected in Carroll County's role as one of the nation's leading preservers of agricultural land (Historical Society of Carroll County 1987).

Carol, L.

1982 Legacy of the Land: 250 Years of Agriculture in Carroll County, Maryland.

The Carroll County Commissioners, Westminster, Maryland.

Historical Society of Carroll County

1986 The First 150 Years: A Pictorial History of Carroll County, Maryland

1837-1987. The Historical Society of Carroll County, Westminster, Maryland.

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson

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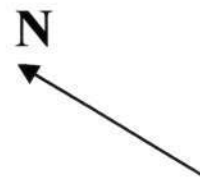
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Valley Rd.

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House, 239 Pleasant
Valley Road
Westminster
Carroll County
Resource Sketch Map



Contributing
House

Contributing
Summer Kitchen

Contributing
Corn Crib #2

Contributing
Shed

Contributing
Dairy

Contributing
Meathouse

Driveway

Contributing
Garage

Contributing
Chicken
Coop #2

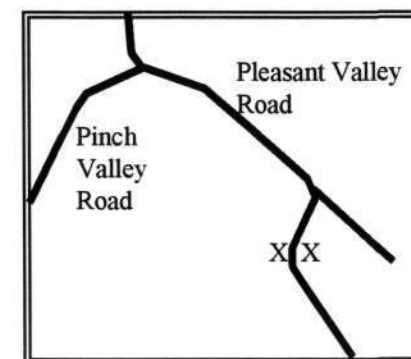
Contributing
Bank Barn

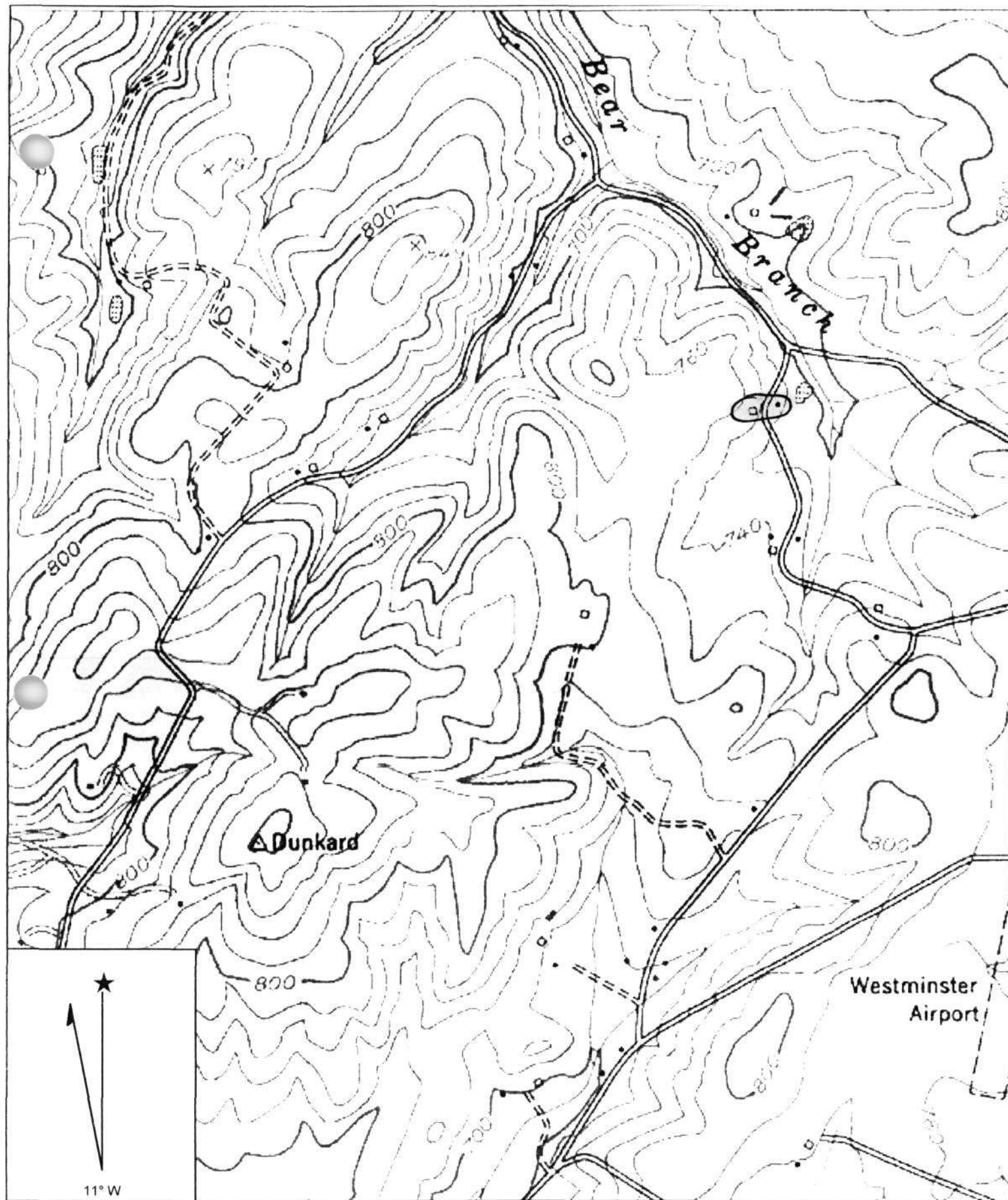
Contributing
Silo

Contributing
Chicken Coop #1

Contributing
Corn Crib #1

Contributing
Silo





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HOUSE, 239 PLEASANT VALLEY RD.
WESTMINSTER, CARROLL COUNTY
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Main House, Side View

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Main House, Side Porch

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Main House, View of rear from side

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Main House

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Main House: Interior view through door

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Corn Crib #1

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Barn + Silos

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Barn + Silos

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Corn crib #2 + Shed
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Barn + Dairy + Shed

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View to Runway through barns

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Meat House

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Garage

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Summer Kitchen

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Chicken Coop #1

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Chicken Coop #2

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